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November 18, 2011

Mr. Steve Meyer  
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In reply refer to:  
**CRU:257592:jcofrancesco**  
**WDID: 9 00000275**

Dear Mr. Meyer:

**SUBJECT: Notice of Violation of Order Nos. R9-2002-0025, NPDES NO. CA0107409; Review of Self Monitoring Reports**

**FACILITY: Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant & Ocean Outfall**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) staff has reviewed the monitoring reports for the facility referenced above for the months of July 2005 through July 2010. We have identified the following violations and included the following comments:

- **Effluent Violation of Discharge Specifications Section A.2**
  1. The monthly average effluent flow limitation (240 million gallon per day, MGD) was exceeded on December 17, 2008, with a value of 256.6 MGD.
- **Effluent Violation of Discharge Specifications Section B.1.a**
  2. The instantaneous minimum effluent limitation (6.0 pH units) for pH was not met at one point on August 28, 2005 with a value below 6.0 pH units.
  3. The instantaneous maximum effluent limitation (3.0 ml/l) for settleable solids (SS) was exceeded on November 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007 with the values of 4.8 ml/l and 6.3 ml/l, respectively.
- **Effluent Violation of Discharge Specifications Section B.1.b**
  4. The daily maximum effluent limitation (205 TUc) for chronic toxicity was exceeded for giant kelp growth on December 19, 2005, with a value of greater than 667 TUc.

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5. The City of San Diego voluntarily conducts chronic bioassays using the red abalone, in addition to the required chronic bioassays using giant kelp. The daily maximum effluent limitation (205 TUc) for chronic toxicity was exceeded for red abalone on May 13, 2008 with a value of 667 TUc.

- **Comment**

1. At this time, there is insufficient information to reach a conclusion regarding the contribution, if any, that the discharge is having on the bacteria levels in the near shore. Total coliform, fecal coliform, and/or enterococcus concentrations at a few of the surf zone stations exceeded the receiving water quality standards set forth in Order No. R9-2002-0025, Section V.A.1 for the periods of July 2005 – July 2010.

Please take steps to ensure that the violations noted above do not occur in the future. Pursuant to the California Water Code (CWC), the violations noted are subject to additional enforcement action(s) by the Regional Board including a time schedule order, cease and desist order, cleanup and abatement order, imposition of administrative civil liability, referral to the district attorney for criminal prosecution, or referral to the attorney general. Administrative civil liability amounts that may be imposed by the Regional Board under authority of CWC Section 13385 include up to \$10,000 per day or up to \$10 per gallon for each gallon of waste discharged.

In the subject line of any response, please include the requested "In reply refer to:" information located in the heading of this letter. For questions pertaining to the subject matter, please contact Joann Cofrancesco at 858-637-5589 or [jcofrancesco@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jcofrancesco@waterboards.ca.gov).

Respectfully,



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Order Nos.	R9-2002-0025
NPDES No.	CA0107409
CIWQS Place ID	248796
WDID	9 000000275
CIWQS Reg. Measure Nos.	132011 (R9-2002-0025)
Violations	(1) 912546; (2) 912552; (3) 912547 & 912548; (4) 912549; (5) 912550
Enforcement	378421 ( Notice of Violation, NOV )